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LUBE OIL BOILING RANGE

FEEDSTREAMS BY TREATMENT WITH A

SULFURIC ACID SOLUTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant Preliminary

Amendment prior to calculation of the fees and commencement of prosecution in this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.